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TAGS: OGEN, PFOR, SOPN, UR, US
SUBJECT: ORAL PROTEST OVER SOVIET INTERFERENCE WITH
WIRE SERVICES

1. TASS APRIL 20 REFUSED TO TRANSMIT ASSOCIATED PRESS
AND UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL PHOTOS OF IRENA MCCLELLAN
INCIDENT IN FRONT OF EMBASSY SAME DAY.

2. ON INSTRUCTIONS OF AMBASSADOR, EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE
MET WITH MFA/PRESS COUNSELOR ANATOLIY STRELNIKOV IN
MFA INTOURIST HOTEL SECVISIT CONTROL ROOM AT 21:45
SAME DAY TO DELIVER ORAL PROTEST. PRESS ATTACHE TOLD
STRELNIKOV THAT EMBASSY SHARPLY PROTESTS IRRESPONSIBLE
ACTIONS BY SOVIET GOVERNMENTAL BODY (TASS) AND THAT
SUCH ACTIONS ARE PARTICULARLY REGRETTABLE AT A TIME
WHEN IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY IN MOSCOW. IT
WAS NOTED THAT THIS IS FIRST INCIDENT OF INTERFERENCE
WITH U.S. TRANSMISSIONS OF THIS NATURE SINCE NETWORK
PLUG-PULLING EPISODE DURING 1974 PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.
STRELNIKOV SAID HE WAS "UNAWARE" OF TASS CONDUCT AND
WOULD PASS ON EMBASSY'S PROTEST TO HIS SUPERIORS.
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3. AT BRIEFING FOR PRESS APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MINUTES
LATER, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN (CARTER) WAS ASKED IF
EMBASSY PLANNED TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT TASS INTERFERENCE.
SPOKESMAN REPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE PROTESTED BUT THIS
WAS CHANGED TO PAST TENSE BY PRESS ATTACHE, WHO WAS AT
BRIEFING.

4. FYI: CBS AND PERHAPS OTHER NETWORKS PLANNING TO FEED
FILM OF MCCLELLAN DEMONSTRATION TONIGHT AND EXPECTS
TROUBLE. TOON

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